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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 14 in lines 16-18 to read as follows:

Alternatively, the oil agglomeration may be carried out by simultaneously feeding ~~conditioned~~ coal and oil to the conditioned sludge.

Please amend the paragraph on page 15 in lines 19-21 to read as follows:

Alternatively, the oil agglomeration may be carried out by separately agglomerating the conditioned sludge and ~~conditioned~~ coal with oil (a first agglomeration), mixing the first agglomerates, and agglomerating the mixture (a second agglomeration).

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 14 line 24 and ending on page 15 at line 3 to read as follows:

Alternatively, the oil agglomeration may be carried out by agglomerating the conditioned sludge with oil (a first agglomeration), adding ~~conditioned~~ coal and ~~conditioned~~ oil to the first agglomerates, and agglomerating the mixture (a second agglomeration).

Please amendment the paragraph on page 15 in lines 4-8 to

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read as follows:

Alternatively, the oil agglomeration may be carried out by agglomerating ~~conditioned~~ coal with oil (a first agglomeration), adding the conditioned sludge to the first agglomerates, and agglomerating the mixture (a second agglomeration).